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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: REFUGEE PROGRAM BEIRUT-WCC

REF: (A) BEIRUT 6791; (B) GENEVA 4028

1. ON JUNE 2 MISOFF DISCUSSED WITH WCC DIRECTOR REFUGEE PROGRAM MURIEL WEBB WCC'S PLANS FOR ITS BEIRUT OFFICE.

2. WEBB EXPLAINED THAT FRANKE DE JONGE IS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM BEIRUT FOR THE SAKE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. REPORTEDLY THE DE JONGES HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO SEVERAL THREATS DURING PAST YEAR AND RECENTLY A RIFLE BULLET WAS FIRED THROUGH WINDSHIELD OF HIS CAR.

3. WEBB SHARES OUR HIGH OPINION OF DE JONGE AND REPORTS THAT HE IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO ATHENS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR WCC'S PROGRAM IN GREECE.

4. WEBB ALSO SHARES OUR OPINION THAT DE JONGE'S REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE NON-ARAB. SHE FULLY APPRECIATES THE CONSIDERABLE FISCAL AND PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY OF WCC BEIRUT AND SEEMS INTENT ON ARRANGING SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR DE JONGE. WEBB MENTIONED THAT SIEBELL, KENNETH (USA) BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE JOB. SHE INDICATED THAT ZIEBELL HAS HAD MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH PALESTINIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM AND IS CONSIDERED SUITABLE CANDIDATE. ZIEBELL WHO RESIDES BEIRUT IS NOT KNOWN
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